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SUBJECT: FRANCOIS DUVALIER NOT TO BE BURIED IN NEW MAUSOLEUM

REF: (A) PAUP A-27 OF 2/25/75; (B) A-72 OF 5/31/74

1. TOTALLY UNEXPECTEDLY, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL LE NOUVEAU MONDE ON FEB. 27 PUBLISHED IN BANNER HEADLINES A COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY PRESIDENT DUVALIER FEB. 26 ANNOUNCING THAT HIS ATER, THE LATE DR. FRANCOIS DUVALIER, WOULD NOT BE BURIED IN THE SPECIAL MEMORIAL MAUSOLEUM BEING BUILT FOR HIM (REFAIRS). FRANCOIS DUVALIER'S BODY IS CURRENTLY AT THE PORT-AU-PRINCE CEMETERY. INSTEAD, THE BUILDING, WHICH WAS RECENTLY SCHEDULED TO OPEN APRIL 21 (REF (A)), IS BEING RENAMED THE "MAUSOLEUM OF THE FATERS OF THE HOMELAND "(MAUSOLEE DES PERES DE LA PATRIE).

2. THE FULL TEXT OF THE COMMUNIQUE READ AS FOLLOWS (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION): QUOTE "BY DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF THE REPUBLIC, THE MAUSOLEUM WILL NOT RECEIVE THE SEPULTURE OF PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER AND IS HENCEFORTH CALLED "MAUSOLEUM OF THE FATHERS OF THE HOMELAND" WHICH IS THE SITE OF THE MUSEUM OF THE NATION.

3. QUOTE. PRESIDENT FRANCOIS DUVALIER, WHO CHERISHED GREAT DREAMS FOR HIS PEOPLE, WAS ALWAYS EQUAL TO HIMSELF, THAT IS A HUMBLE COUNTRY DOCTOR.

4. QUOTE. "IT IS A MATTER OF INTEGRATING THE HAITIAN PUPIL AND STUDENT WITH HIS SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS FOR A BETTER UTILIZATION OF HIS RICH ETHNIC AND HISTORIC PATRIMONY," WROTE DOCTOR FRANCOIS
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DUVALIER.

5. QUOTE. THE MAN IS GREAT BY HIMSELF. GREAT HE WAS. GREAT HE REMAINS IN OUR MEMORIES.

6. QUOTE. IN MEMORY OF MY FATHER, WHO WAS A PERIOD OF OUR NATIONAL HISTORY, I MAKE A GIFT TO THE HAITIAN NATION OF THIS MAUSOLEUM WHICH WILL SERVE "FOR THE CIVIC EDUCATION OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS."

7. QUOTE. THE MUSEUM, WHICH CONSISTS OF THE DIFFERENT STAGES OF OUR PEOPLE'S LIFE, WILL BE INAUGURATED IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR 1975. END QUOTE.

8. COMMENT WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL.
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